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The Puppy Bowl

- 1 Months before Puppy Bowl IX was televised, the stars of the show arrived in New York City, where the big event is filmed. There, in a film studio, 63 puppies, 21 kittens, 9 hedgehogs, and 6 hamsters participated in the 2013 Puppy Bowl. With their big eyes and clumsy ways, puppies are very cute to watch on a football field. Audiences agree. The Puppy Bowl has become an annual event, drawing as many as 12.4 million viewers.

Play by Play

- 2 The Puppy Bowl began in 2005 when the cable channel Animal Planet had a problem. Each year more than 100 million Americans stopped everything to watch the Super Bowl, the biggest football game of the year. This left few viewers to watch the shows on Animal Planet on the day of the Super Bowl. The cable channel decided to create a show that viewers would find interesting.



Trying to Score a Point for the Team

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- 3 Many people liked the idea of a Puppy Bowl. It is like a real football game in many ways. The Puppy Bowl is played in a stadium with footballs. However, the stadium is much smaller than a regular football stadium. In fact, it is closer to the size of a school classroom. And the footballs used in the Puppy Bowl aren't real footballs. They are chew toys of different shapes and sizes. Like a real football field, the Puppy Bowl stadium has field goals in the end zones, a green field that is marked with lines, and advertisements posted on the surrounding walls. Of course, there is a major difference between the Super Bowl and the Puppy Bowl. The Puppy Bowl is played by